

Good Morning Loyola Families,

Thank you for another great week! As we prepare for the week ahead we wanted to send a few reminders and upcoming events.

Changes to Daily Screening Tool & Update to Self-Isolation Requirements:

Families are reminded to review the email sent from Director Pat Daly on Thursday February 18 outlining the changes to the screening tool and updates to the self-isolation requirements for household members.

- The COVID-19 School Screening Tool has been changed and will now require students and staff with any new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19, even those with only one (1) symptom, must stay home until:
 - They receive a negative COVID-19 test result.; OR
 - They receive an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional.; OR
 - It has been 10 days since their symptom onset, and they are feeling better.

The new single-symptom screening criteria in the COVID-19 daily screening tool has now been applied and is in effect.

- The Ministry of Health has now indicated that all individuals living in the same household are now required to self-isolate when a family member has COVID-19 symptoms, even if the family member only has one (1) symptom.

The following isolation requirements now apply:

- All members in a household of a symptomatic individual are required to self-isolate until the individual:
 - Receives a negative COVID-19 test result; OR
 - Receives an alternative diagnosis by a health care professional
- If someone in your household tests positive, or is not tested and does not receive an alternative diagnosis from a health care professional:
 - This individual must isolate (including from others in your household) for 10 days from the date of experiencing symptoms. AND
 - All members of the same household must isolate for 14 days from their last date of exposure with the symptomatic family/household member.

Daily Self Screening & Confirmation:

All students who are entering the building need to complete a [daily self screening](#). The Ministry and Public Health are now requiring that all students provide confirmation of completion of the screening on a daily basis, **before entering the building**. Please refer to the [Student Daily School Access Procedure](#) regarding what is required each morning.

Cohort C Textbook Distribution:

We still have a large number of books and resources that have not been picked up by cohort C students. We are going to offer three additional pick-up days on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 at the front of your school. Please note that this will be the last scheduled opportunity to pick up resources.

Pink Civvies Days:

To take a stand against bullying as a school community, Loyola will be holding two pink civvies days. Tuesday February 23 for Cohort A and on Wednesday February 24 for Cohort B. Students can be in full civvies but must be wearing some pink (clothing item, accessory, etc.). Please ensure your outfit is school appropriate. We are collecting donations via School Cash Online for Notre Dame House that supports youth who are involved in conflict, abuse and homelessness in our community.

Black History Month @ Loyola:

Black history month continues at Loyola. Check out our [calendar of activities and resources](#) as well as daily posts in our D2L Chapel. We will continue to engage with our students on Instagram as well.

Course Selection:

Students returning to Loyola for next year are to complete their course selection in **My Blueprint by this Friday February 26th**. My Blueprint will send a parent/guardian a notice email to approve the plan. Plans cannot be approved by a counsellor until the parent/guardian has approved the course selection. Connect with your guidance counsellor if you have any questions about course selections. Appointments can be made in the Student Services D2L classroom.

Hackathon 2021:

It's not too late to join! Starting today on Teams at 12:30. **Team code is gr5qaeb**. Learn how to code a simple mobile app in 5 days. No coding experience needed. Prizes to be won! Email Mrs. Alfano alfanoa@hcdsb.org for details.



LENT 2021 BEGINS...

There will be 960 hours in Lent. How will you spend them?

Lent began this past Wednesday. It is a good time to reflect on how we plan to spend both our money and our time during the coming 40 days. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops remind us that during Lent, Catholics are “asked to focus more intently on ‘almsgiving,’ which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity.” Keeping this in mind, our school community will be running a hand sanitizer and monetary collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Matthew Parish, a food drive for the Six Nation Grand River Reserve, a virtual THINKfast for Development and Peace, and we will support the Halton Catholic Children’s Foundation (HCCF) with a school wide event! And much more!!

OUR LENTEN ALMSGIVING ACTIVITIES

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

We will be supporting the St. Vincent Society of St. Matthew Parish who assist our local Oakville community that surrounds Loyola. To this end, we are encouraging our students to donate hand sanitizer and disposable masks, as well as kindly donate to the donation portal below:

<https://www.ssvpsaintmatthew.org/Donate.asp>

The Halton Catholic Children’s Foundation (HCCF):

Student Senators and the Best Buddies Student Club will run daily activities during the week of March 15th to raise funds to support children and families in need of financial support from The Halton Catholic Children’s Education Foundation (HCCF).

Lenten Messages: Be kind this Lent

Since Lent is a time to reconnect with God, the Ally Student Club and the Student Wellness Student Club will help us focus on the fact that we are members of one body – the Church, the body of Christ, and that makes us one family. They will post messages every Monday and Friday on the D2L Chapel of ways we can share the cup of kindness with those we interact with throughout Lent.

Six Nations of the Grand River:

The Eco-club and the Culture of Life students are collecting nonperishable food items for the Six Nations Community Social Services as well as diapers and wipes for the Anishnabeg Children’s Centre. Donation bins will be available at the school entrances.

Development and Peace:

Our Loyola Hawks are encouraged to participate in our school’s annual Development and Peace Lenten THINKfast, which was held online using Zoom, after school, on Thursday March 11 & 12. The 20-hour virtual National THINKfast gathers students from across Canada to raise

funds for this year's annual campaign, 'Let Justice Flow,' by fasting and learning about global justice. This year's virtual activities and reflections will focus on how the lives of our brothers and sisters in the Global South are impacted by the scarcity of water and by private companies taking control of water resources. Many thanks to our Loyola Development and Peace student club members who will be helping to facilitate activities during the virtual THINKFAST! For more information, check out the D2L Loyola Chapel.

Global Aid Club:

The Global Aid Student Club is participating in almsgiving during Lent by continuing to support the Nelson Mandela Secondary School in Tanzania by raising funds to help them build a school library through Chalice. The club members know that it is not just about paper, pens, or binders—it is about giving the gift of opportunity in school and life that many children will not receive otherwise. To remain focused on their fundraising efforts, the students recall the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

PRAYER:

Throughout the season of Lent, we are called to deepen our prayer life. Without prayer, fasting and almsgiving are merely actions we do out of tradition without much meaning so, in addition to our daily Lenten morning prayers, we will be providing communal prayer. Join us by praying the Rosary every Tuesday and the Stations of the Cross every Friday.

Join us:

Pray the **Rosary** every Tuesday at 12:45 via Teams code: **v99dv0w**

Pray the **devotional exercise of the 14 Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 12:15 via Teams code: **0ha3xde**

We look forward to another amazing week together. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincere thanks,

Loyola Administration